

# You know, this is okay.





MUSIC: snow

Christmas. Family Christmas. Who knew?

Midnight service at the Episcopal Church (T's grandfather was Catholic until they stopped doing the Masses in Latin, when he declared he might just as well be Episcopalian, which would save him having to get mad at the Pope; the family's been more or less Episcopalian ever since) (yes, I've been hearing family stories). Then home to more food, an apparently traditional argument about whether the presents should be opened, it being legally Christmas day. Traditional settlement prevails (you have to sleep first).

Then this morning there was a loud, chaotic, and cheerful opening of presents, with obligatory embarrassment (see comments in cvillette's journal about that). And I, being fearless and heedless of the opinions of others (please do not all laugh at once), made pancakes.

I did. It worked, too.

Merry Christmas and much love to my buds. I seem to have acquired a surprising amount of family this year, in my heart if not on my birth certificate.



# Thank you

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Many happy returns.

Also, yay pancakes!

\*snif\*

Little girl's all grown up....



#### 🖳 trollcatz

December 25 2007, 14:47:47 UTC COLLAPSE

Boy, are you glad there's an entire continent and some of the Pacific in the way. \*g\* Smartypants.



#### 👤 cvillette

December 25 2007, 14:52:32 UTC COLLAPSE

...cocoa?



December 25 2007, 22:38:15 UTC COLLAPSE

Yes, please.

But you're still a smartypants. \*g\*



# <u> Q Ometotchtli</u>

December 25 2007, 22:16:14 UTC COLLAPSE

Adopted family is the kind you can be sure wants you.

Right, sis?



#### Cvillette

December 25 2007, 22:16:51 UTC COLLAPSE

...now we just have to get your mom to adopt Daphne too.

Daphs, keep working on the pancakes. You're a shoo-in.



### 👤 trollcatz

December 25 2007, 22:43:10 UTC COLLAPSE

C'n I have bunk beds? Oh, even better--the one that looks like a race car.

Pancakes. Also, I'm going to learn tomato sauce next, remember. I'm determined to become a Valuable Asset.



# 👤 cvillette

December 25 2007, 22:46:04 UTC COLLAPSE

Tomato sauce on Wednesday night.

Nom nom nom.

Because if I see another baked good for a week, I'm going to die.

(Doughnuts are fried, not baked.)



# Q Ometotchtli

December 25 2007, 22:50:46 UTC COLLAPSE

Damn, so close. Ah, well, I'll still triumph come Friday.



#### 🖳 trollcatz

December 25 2007, 22:39:53 UTC COLLAPSE

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\*sniff\*

(Oi, that was dumb.)

Thank you. Yeah. 'Zackly.



#### cvillette

<u>December 25 2007, 22:46:29 UTC</u> <u>COLLAPSE</u>

Hey. I saw her first.

She only wants you because you know how to cook now.



#### **Q** Ometotchtli

<u>December 25 2007, 22:48:50 UTC</u> <u>COLLAPSE</u>

You did not--I came into the room before you did.

And I know how to cook, so there can be no possibility of ulterior motive.

(Unless Harpies do car repair... \*g\*)



#### 👤 cvillette

December 25 2007, 22:50:26 UTC COLLA

Hah! \*I\* saw her in the bullpen. From the coffee machine. WIN!



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December 25 2007, 22:52:04 UTC COLLAPSE

Sneak.



👤 cvillette

<u>December 25 2007, 22:52:39 UTC</u> <u>COLLAPSE</u>

Gotta have an angle....



<u>December 25 2007, 22:53:07 UTC</u> <u>COLLAPSE</u>

\*blushes\*

\*hides\*

\*smiles big\*



👤 trollcatz

December 25 2007, 22:52:05 UTC COLLAPSE

...actually, I rebuilt a Dodge Dart when I was fifteen. Helping my brother.

It was beige. We put giant band-aid stickers over the body rot. Dad hated it.

But they're a lot more complicated now.



Q Ometotchtli

<u>December 26 2007, 12:10:35 UTC</u> <u>COLLAPSE</u>

You're a stealth polymath.

You are so cool.



trollcatz

<u>December 26 2007, 17:38:21 UTC</u> <u>COLLAPSE</u>

Awwww, thank you.

But y'know, I look around the office and realize, hey, which of us isn't? I wonder if it's a secret prerequisite for the job, that you have to diversify intellectually?

(There's only the 8 of us; we gotta cover a lot of ground.)



And there's not a lot of room to overlap. Yeah.

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